

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION,

—OF THE—

Shelby Missionary Baptist Association.

—HELD WITH—

SIX MILE CHURCH. BIBB COUNTY. ALABAMA.

SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8, 1887.

OFFICERS:

W. C. CLEVELAND.....MODERATOR.
C. W. O'HARA.....CLERK.
H. C. REYNOLDS.....TREASURER.

The next session will be held with Liberty Church, commencing on Wednesday after the First Sabbath in September, 1888.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Letters from Churches.
3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Invite visiting Ministers to seats.
5. Invite Churches to join the Association.
6. Appoint Committee on Devotion.
7. Appoint Committee on Finance.
8. Appoint Committee on Documents.
9. Inquire whether the Standing Committees appointed at the last session are present or not; if not, fill vacancies.
10. Call for Correspondence.
11. Return Correspondence—To Canaan, Cahaba Valley, Coosa River and Mullerry Associations.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.

14. Devotional Exercises.
15. Read the Minutes of the first day and call roll.
16. Report on Family Religion.
17. Education.
18. Ministerial Education.
19. Periodicals.
20. Missions.
21. Aged and Infirm Ministers.
22. Temperance.
23. Sabbath Schools.
24. Documents.
25. Finance.
26. Treasurer.
27. Appoint Time and Place for next session.
28. Appoint Standing Committee to report at next session—
 On Family Religion
 Education.
 Ministerial Education.
 Missions.
 Aged and Infirm Ministers.
 Temperance.
 Periodicals.
29. Appoint some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.
30. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
31. Order Clerk's salary paid and 500 Minutes printed.
32. Miscellaneous Business.
33. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1887.

The messengers composing the thirty-sixth session of the Shelby Association convened with Six Mile Church.

By a motion of the Association the preaching of the introductory sermon was deferred until night.

Devotional exercises were conducted by H. C. Taul, which consisted of reading a part of the 2nd chapter of Ephesians and prayer.

Brethren W. J. Elliott and A. E. Burns were appointed to read the letters from the churches.

Letters were received, read and the names of messengers enrolled as follows :

- BRIERFIELD—W. J. Elliott and E. N. Crider.
- CAHABA VALLEY—John Schofield, Jasper Kerbo,
- CALERA—T. J. Wells, T. M. Henderson and J. W. Woods.
- CENTER HILL—J. N. Robinson and Bate Hathaway.
- DOGWOOD GROVE—F. M. Woods, T. McGaughy, A. Allan, Wm. Acker.
- ENON—N. T. Lucas, B. L. Lucas.
- MONTEVALLO—W. C. Cleveland, R. W. Nolen, H. C. Reynolds, T. B. Dison.
- MARS HILL—J. M. Milstead, G. W. Sorrell, L. M. Hubbard.
- MACEDONIA—E. G. Walker, and Wm. Walker.
- NEW ANTIOCH—Pink Booth, Marvin Booth.
- SIX MILE—J. J. Little, R. H. Pratt, Walter Owen, E. L. Wells, J. M. McCord, P. H. Fancher, and John C. Jones.
- HELENA—H. C. Taul, W. D. Hubbard.
- BETHESDA—C. W. O'Hara, R. A. O'Hara, Jesse Stone.
- COLUMBIANA—Geo. T. Lee.
- HOPEWELL—J. H. Keith, S. J. May, L. F. Armstrong.
- LIBERTY—J. T. J. Wilder, W. A. Weldon, L. W. Chessier.
- MT. CALVARY—Letter and Funds.
- ROCKY RIDGE—Clement Davis.
- SUMMER HILL—James Gould, W. J. Parker and W. F.

Bridges.

FLORENCE—Not represented.

KINGDOM—Not represented.

Mr CAAMEL—Not represented.

Proceeded to the election of officers by ballot, which resulted in the choice of W. C. Cleveland, Moderator, C. W. O'Hara, Clerk, and H. C. Reynolds, Treasurer.

Adopted the order of business of the last session for the present.

Resolved, That the editor or reporter of the Bibb Blade be invited to a seat at the Secretary's table at pleasure.

After prayer by A. E. Burna, adjourned to 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Filled vacancies on standing committees.

On Family Religion—R. H. Pratt, Geo. T. Lee, and W. F. Bridges.

On Missions—H. C. Taul, T. M. Henderson and W. C. McElroy.

On Periodicals—W. D. Hubbard, W. A. Weldon and W. J. Elliott.

Appointed committees:

On Devotion—Pastor and messengers of Six Mile Church.

On Finance—W. J. Elliott, R. A. O'Hara and Thos. J. Wells.

On Documents—J. M. McCord, S. J. May and James Gould.

Bro. W. J. Elliott offered the following:

Resolved, That in order to save time for associational work, each church adopt some statistical form which shall be filled out and read before the Association, in lieu of the long and monotonous letters.

[I would suggest the form as provided by the statistical secretary of Baptist State Convention, which I will forward to each church before the Association meets.—CLARK.]

Called for correspondence: Responses from Mulberry, by M. D. Langston, A. E. Burna and Z. J. Cortley. From Harmony—S. D. McSpadden, Richmond Riley, F. M. Arnold and F. W. Henderson. From Unity—J. M. Kalka. From Cahaba—I. L. Hicks.

Return correspondence: To Canaan Association—W. D.

Hubbard. To Coosa River—C. W. O'Hara. To Mulberry—J. M. McCord, Geo. T. Lee, R. H. Pratt, W. C. Cleveland, W. J. Elliott, W. D. Hubbard. To Unity—J. M. McCord, R. H. Pratt. To Harmony—J. J. Little, John C. Jones.

Appointed the Moderator, Clerk and J. M. McCord as a committee to revise the Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Rules of Decorum, and report at the next session.

Resolutions were offered by H. C. Taul looking to the appointment of an Executive Committee, and defining the duties of the same.

On motion, said resolutions were referred to a special committee consisting of R. H. Pratt, W. D. Hubbard and T. M. Henderson to report during the session.

On motion, ordered that the report on periodicals be made immediately after the report on education.

Fixed the hours of meeting and adjourning: Convene at 9, P. M., adjourn at 12.30, P. M., convene at 2, P. M., adjourn at 4.30, P. M., convene at 7.30. adjourn at pleasure.

Bro. W. J. Elliott addressed the Association in the interest of the Alabama Baptist.

Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read, discussed by W. C. Cleveland, J. C. McElroy, Geo. T. Lee, and C. W. O'Hara. Report adopted:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers would report that there are several aged ministers in the bounds of the Association, and we know that something is being done for them by the churches in their immediate communities. If there are any who are not being comfortably provided for we are not cognizant of the fact. We recommend that churches make full reports of whatever they contribute to aged ministers in their communities, and if at any time there should be those whose needs demand the aid of the church to such an extent that they cannot be provided for by the church in the immediate community let the church report the same to the standing committee on Indigent Ministers to be by that committee brought before the Association.

C. W. O'HARA, Chairman.

Report on Temperance was read, and after discussion by F M Wood, H. C. Taul, J. M. McCord, R. H. Pratt, J. C. Jones, Geo. T. Lee, J. C. McElroy, C. W. O'Hara and W. C. Cleveland. Report was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to correct an error made in your last report. It was stated thus:

"We deem it a cause of congratulation to the whole people within our limits that there is no place to-day within the bounds of the Shelby Association where liquor is sold."

This, brethren, was a mistake. There was a retail bar within our bounds, and with deep regret we state that the sign of a saloon, with its story of sorrow, bloodshed and death, still degrades one of our public highways, written in bold letters, inviting its votaries to degradation, to crime, to poverty and to death eternal, and their wives and children to sorrow and pauperism. But we are proud to say that the church members in this locality have passed resolutions pledging themselves at vigorous war with the traffic; and we have reason to believe that every honorable means will be used to surpress its sale in our borders. We will hail the day with joy when, by legislation, the sale, yea the manufacture, of intoxicating drink be a thing of the past in the history of our country. We recommend increasing diligence on the part of all christians in laboring for this end and prayer be made in this behalf to Him whose hand is ever ready to give success to every right endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Woods, Chairman.

Prayer by J. M. Kailin. Adjourned to 7. 30, P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 8. p. m., the Association met. The Moderator announced that Bro. Geo. T. Lee would now preach the Introductory Sermon under appointment of last session. Whereupon Bro. Lee proceeded, to preaching from Rev. iv. 4. Theme: Spiritual declension, cause thereof, neglect of the proper use of the means of grace. Remedy: prayer and reading of God's Word. Anticipated results in the proper use of the means of grace, development, progress, strength and the sustaining of all the benevolent objects fostered by the denominations.

On motion, the subject of missions was made the special order of business for 10. A. M., to-morrow.

Benediction by Moderator. Adjourned to 9. A. M., to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER, 7, 1887.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by W. D. Hubbard—consisting of sing-

ing, reading 103 psalm, prayers by Bros. Elliott, Kailin, Lee, Hubbard and remarks by Cleveland, O'Hara and Kailan.

Appointed the Clerk as a committee of one to notify Mt. Carmel church that she would be expected to give reason for non-representation, at the two last sessions, at our next session.

Report on documents was read, and pending the discussion, the hour for special order on missions arrived, and the report was laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Missions was read and Bro. H. C. Taul yielded his right as chairman to discuss the report. On motion, Bro. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board was invited to address the Association on the subject of Missions, which he did much to the edification of the body.

W. C. Cleveland, D. D., then preached a missionary sermon under appointment of the Committee on Devotional Exercises from a part of the 8th verse of the 16th chapter of Luke: "For the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." Prayer was offered by the Clerk. Report on Missions was adopted:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The spirit of missions is the spirit of the Gospel. Constrained by the love of Christ we must earnestly desire the salvation of all men, and as ambassadors for Christ we feel impelled to persuade all men to be reconciled to God. The highest object of christian organization is to give the Gospel to the "regions beyond."

The opportunity of the churches in one day for doing good have never been surpassed. The time hoped for and anxiously awaited by the fathers has dawned upon us, when the doors of all nations have been thrown open, and nothing hinders that we may go up and possess the land in the name of our Divine Master, who still commands, "Go teach all nations." There still remains something to be done at home. Destitution in our own fair land should be supplied at once. By cooperation with our State Board all the need in our bounds could easily be met, and soon our entire state could be covered with the testimony of Christ. Our Home Board has before it a work of stupendous magnitude in supplying our own southern people with the Word of life, and in this rapidly advancing age, seeing that spread of the Gospel keeps pace with the rapid development of the country in all material interests. As Southern men and Baptists surely the appeals for our own country will not fall on listless ears, nor fail of hearty response from all who love the Savior and our homes.

The work of the Foreign Board is now hindered only by the

lack of benevolence among the Baptist brotherhood. While much has been done by Southern Baptists to give the Gospel to the people that sit in darkness, there are calls from the whole wide world, appealing to our christian manhood to supply the heathen with the knowledge of "Him who bore the sins of the whole world in His own body on the cross." We should not be the last or weakest to respond to the Savior's command.

We recommend that while we attend to work at home we should not neglect our duty in all the fields of christian effort which occupy the energies of christian philanthropy in our day.

As a means to further the end in view we recommend the reading of Baptist literature, especially our State paper and the Foreign Mission Journal, so by being posted as to the work of the brotherhood we would take intelligent interest in all that is being done.

Further, that collections be taken regularly in all our churches for the general mission work, to be distributed by our State Board as necessity requires, and that we endeavor to make the amount contributed at least equal to the amount, \$300, requested by our State Mission Board, said amount being prorated and the churches notified through the minutes of their prorate of said amount.

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. TAUL, Chairman.

Bro. H. C. Taul offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to apportion among the churches the amount of \$300 00, which we are asked to raise by the State Mission Board, to report at this meeting. Said report to be published in the minutes of the Association. Prorating committee—J. M. McCord, T. M, Henderson and F. M. Woods. Adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convened pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by W. D. Hubbard.

Report of the Committee on Family Religion was read. Discussion by C. W. O'Hara, H. C. Taul, G. T. Lee, J. W. Wood, R. H. Pratt, and W. C. Cleveland. On motion Bro. G. T. Lee was called upon to lead in prayer, asking God to impress upon the hearts of his children the importance of this great subject. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report:

The subject of family religion is in our opinion the most important and far reaching in its influence, and demands the serious, earnest and prayerful consideration of all christians. We feel safe in saying that this subject does not receive the attention it deserves.

by our Associations. We, therefore recommend a full, free and earnest discussion at this session of the body.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. PRATT, Chairman.

Report on Education was read and discussed by H. C. Taul. Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The demand for educated men and women was never greater than it is now, and while we are considering the demands of mental education we should emphasize the importance of moral training.

Since there is a growing interest in the common schools throughout the country, we recommend that christian men and christian women who have had the advantages of an education be employed to teach in these schools. We take pleasure in recommending to this Association the Judson Female Institute and Howard College. These institutions of learning are the property of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

To those who have advantages to educate we would say there is no better institution than the Judson Female Institute, located at Marion, Ala. The history of the Judson for nearly a half century proves this. The trustees having recently revised the charges, the same advantages that the institution has always given can now be afforded for less money.

We heartily endorse the action of the State Convention in moving Howard College from Marion to East Lake, Birmingham. The work of the college in the past shows that it ranked among the first institutions of learning in the South. The college being located now in the centre of influence and business in the state, with an endowment of about two hundred thousand dollars and the prospect of that being larger, has a bright future before it. The expenses of a young man at the Howard are so cheap that a collegiate education is placed within reach of all.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McCORD, Chairman.

Report on Ministerial Education was read and discussed by J. M. McCord, C. W. O'Hara and J. M. Kailin. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee to whom has been referred the subject of Ministerial Education respectfully report:

That in our opinion this subject is second in importance to no other before this body. The continued advance in the education of the mass of our people, together with the rapid settlement of our State with a thinking and enterprising class of citizens, altogether demand that our pulpits be filled with educated preachers who can be teachers. There has been for the past year thirty-eight young men of the State studying for the ministry. Twenty-four of these were at Howard College, nine at the Seminary and six at high schools. The present location of Howard College at East Lake

affords exceptionable advantage for the development of the preaching talent of theological students. They can find convenient places in which they can exercise every Sunday in the mission stations and villages in and around the city. In these villages they may find their future pastorates. We learn that ample accommodations and increased facilities will be furnished all worthy applicants during the coming session of the college. We recommend the continuance of aid to our former beneficiary, Brother W. D. Hubbard, who has been in Howard College during the past session, and concerning whose advancement we have had most gratifying reports. We would also recommend that in future all contributions, either from churches or individuals, be brought to the notice of the treasurer of the Association in such a manner that he can have it appear in his report and proper credit thereby be given.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

Pledges were taken for Ministerial Education as follows:

Calera church	-	-	-	-	\$10 00
Dogwood Grove	-	-	-	-	10 00
Helena	-	-	-	-	25 00
Montevallo	-	-	-	-	25 00
Mars Hill	-	-	-	-	15 00
Six Mile	-	-	-	-	15 00
Cahaba Valley	-	-	-	-	10 00
C. W. O'Hara	-	-	-	-	5 00 pd
Columbiana	-	-	-	-	10 00
Briarfield	-	-	-	-	10 00
Total	-	-	-	-	125 00

Appointed a Committee on Sabbath Schools, viz: H. C. Paul, G. T. Lee and W. J. Elliott.

Report on Documents was taken from the table, amended and adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on documents find nothing of special to report. Liberty church asks for the next session of this body. We recommend that the request be granted. Several churches request that a change be made in time of holding the Association. We recommend no change. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McCORD, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report that of the amounts contributed for various objects as shown by the financial exhibit, we have received:

For Minutes and Associational Purposes.....	\$41 10
“ Home Missions.....	1 80
“ Foreign Missions.....	10 50
“ Ministerial Education.....	5 00
Paid over to the Treasurer.....	58 40
Respectfully submitted, W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.	

Report of the Prorating Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF PRORATING COMMITTEE.

Your committee to whom was assigned the work of apportioning among the churches the amount of \$300, which we are requested to raise by the State Board, suggest that the following amounts be raised by

Cahaba Valley.....	\$20 75
Calera.....	13 50
Center Hill.....	4 00
Dogwood Grove.....	27 25
Enon.....	9 75
Montevallo.....	16 25
Mars Hill.....	9 50
Macedonia.....	10 50
Helena.....	11 25
New Antioch.....	13 00
Six Mile.....	34 00
Briarfield.....	12 50
Bethesda.....	23 00
Columbiana.....	15 00
Florence.....	2 25
Hopewell.....	8 00
Kingdom.....	4 75
Liberty.....	25 75
Mt. Calvary.....	13 00
Mt. Carmel.....	1 25
Rocky Ridge.....	7 75
Summer Hill.....	18 00
Total.....	301 00

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. McCORD, Chairman.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay out the amount on hand as indicated by the report of the Committee on Finance, pay the Clerk \$16 for his services, and should there be a surplus of the minute fund after the minutes are paid for that he divide the same equally between State, Home and Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

H. C. REYNOLDS,
in Account with
SHELBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

		DR.		CR.
1886				
Sep.	10	To Cash on hand previous report	18 50	
		" " Returned by Clerk,.....	1 50	
		" " Collections on Missions.....	15 25	
		" " Finance Committee.....	78 95	
		" " Ministerial Education.....	8 50	
		" " Collection Aged & Infirm Min.	10 40	
Nov.	15	" " Wm Parker for Min'r. Educa.	5 00	
		" " Mrs. Parker " "	1 00	
	30	" " C. W. O'Hara, " "	2 50	
		" " M. E. B. Jones " "	1 00	
1887		" " Montevallo Church " "	5 00	
Feb'y.	22	" " Jos. M. Crenshaw " "	2 50	
		" " Montevallo Church " "	5 00	
		" " Nathan Thomas " "	2 50	
1886				
Sep.	10	By Cash to Clerk O'Hara.....		38 95
		" " Connel.....		8 05
		" " Holcombe.....		10 40
		" " E. B. Teague.....		3 00
		" " Home Missions.....		8 15
		" " State Missions.....		7 45
		" " Foreign Missions.....		18 50
		" " Cuban Missions.....		8 80
Nov	30	" " Hubbard.....		3 50
		" " ".....		19 50
1887		" " Min'r'l ed'n't sent Crumpton.		5 00
Feb'y.	22	" " Crumpton, Church Building..		6 40
		" " " Hubbard.....		17 40
Sep.	8	" " On hand to Balance.....		2 50
			157 60	157 60
		To Cash on hand.....	2 50	
		" " from Finance Committee....	58 40	
			60 90	

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. REYNOLDS, Treasurer.

Appointed a Committee on Nominations, viz: R. H. Pratt, J. C. McElroy and J. C. Jones.

Appointed standing committacs to report at the next session:

On Family Religion—H. C. Taul, H. W. Bowers and W. C. Denson.

On Education—R. H. Pratt, J. C. Jones and T. M. Faucher.

On Ministerial Education—Geo. T. Lee, J. L. Peters and Jno. K. Milner.

On Missions—J. M. McCord, F. M. Woods and M. E. B. Jones.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—Deacons of the churches of the Association with H. C. Reynolds as chairman, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

On Temperance—T. B. Dison, W. D. Hubbard and J. C. Lyon.

On Periodicals—W. J. Elliott, R. W. Nolen and O. W. Ward.

On Sabbath Schools—W. J. Elliott, D. S. Lightcap and J. C. Jones.

After prayer adjourned to 7.30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met.

The Committee on Nominations reported—F. M. Woods to preach the Introductory Sermon; W. D. Hubbard, Alternate; H. C. Taul the Missionary Sermon; W. J. Elliott, Alternate. Delegates to the State Convention—H. C. Reynolds, C. W. O'Hara, J. M. McCord, H. C. Taul, G. T. Lee, R. H. Pratt, J. C. McElroy, J. D. Martin, W. J. Elliott, F. M. Woods; alternates—W. D. Hubbard, M. E. B. Jones, T. B. Dison, J. L. Peters and H. C. Moss.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read and discussed by H. C. Taul, G. T. Lee, J. M. Kallin, W. J. Elliott, F. M. Woods, R. H. Pratt and W. F. Bridges. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The importance of the Sabbath School can hardly be overestimated in its bearing upon the life and growth of our churches, and we are gratified to be able to state that most of our churches are now conducting Sabbath Schools with more or less success.

We urge upon all churches which have no School in their midst that they will at once unite and do what they can in this good work. With our excellent literature to help and give direction it is an easy task to prosecute this work of teaching our children a knowledge of the Word of God. We need in this, as in all christian effort, an earnest zeal for the salvation of souls, and no enterprise offers greater opportunity for the useful employment of the energies of our brethren and sisters in the Master's vineyard.

That a Sunday School be organized in each of our churches and kept up all the year.

That mission schools be conducted wherever children may be found beyond the reach of our churches.

We state with grateful pleasure that there is no lack of good and proper literature to be had for small outlay of money, and we

urge that our superintendents order all literature through our Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, as it costs no more and yet there is some help thus obtained for our State Board.

We would also again insist that a complete report of the Sabbath-schools in our churches be sent to the Association in the church letters and reported in minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. TAUL, Chairman.

The Committee to whom was referred Bro. Taul's resolutions reported, and report was adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee to whom has been referred the resolution offered by Bro. H. C. Taul, beg leave to report that they approve and recommend the adoption of the same with the suggestion that four of this Committee be members of the same church in order that a quorum may easily be had.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. PRATT, Chairman.

The following are the resolutions as offered by Bro. H. C. Taul, and adopted:

Resolved, That at each session of this Association there shall be a committee appointed, consisting of seven brethren, three of whom with the chairman shall constitute a quorum, to be known as the "Executive Committee of Shelby Association," whose duty it shall be to look after all matters relating to the spread of the Gospel in our bounds, and to exert themselves in all lawful ways to provide regular preaching of the Word in all destitute communities within our bounds, and to call upon the churches to contribute the funds necessary to meet the expense of said labor. And said Executive Committee is hereby authorized and instructed to raise and disburse funds in the bounds of Territory.

It is hereby expressed as the understanding of this body that the above Executive Committee will represent the Shelby Association during its adjournment, and is required to do what they can to carry out the purposes of our organization.

Said Committee shall make an annual report of all labor performed and money raised, and make such suggestions as in their wisdom they deem advisable.

And said Executive Committee is hereby instructed to co-operate with our State Mission Board in all labor looking to the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad, and to the dissemination of Baptist literature among the people, and the education of the youth of the land, especially the education of young men preparing for the Ministry.

Bro. C. W. O'Hara offered the following:

Resolved, That H. C. Reynolds, E. N. Finley, Dr. R. Davis, R. W. Cobb, T. M. Henderson, John K. Milner, J. C. Jones, with the Moderator as ex officio member and chairman of the committee be appointed as an Executive Committee to carry into effect Bro. Taul's resolutions. Adopted:

Report on Periodicals was read and adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the report on Periodicals, submit the following:

We urge upon all our people a careful and prayerful reading of the Alabama Baptist. This paper ought to enter every Baptist family in the State weekly. Its usefulness as a developer of Baptist character can scarcely be over estimated. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal. This journal will keep its readers thoroughly posted in regard to our mission work in foreign fields. We also recommend Kind Words papers and periodicals for Sabbath Schools. We hardly think they can be further improved. The literature sent out by the American Baptist Publication Society is also good. We urge that all needed Sunday School supplies be obtained through our State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. HUBBARD, Chairman.

Ordered 500 copies of these minutes printed.

Bro. W. J. Elliott offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this be tendered to the citizens of Six Mile and vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the messengers of this Association and to the editors of the Bibb Blade for the attention shown this body; also, ask that they publish such of these proceedings as the proceedings as they see fit.

Engaged in singing. Prayer by the Moderator. Adjourned to meet at Liberty church on Wednesday after the first Sabbath in September 1888.

W. C. CLEVELAND, Moderator.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. C. Cleveland, D. D.....	Montevallo, Ala.
J. M. McCord.....	Six Mile, Ala.
T. B. Dison.....	Montevallo, Ala.
I. N. Walker.....	Montevallo, Ala.
C. F. Randall.....	Montevallo, Ala.
N. T. Lucas.....	Montevallo, Ala.
M. E. B. Jones.....	Columbiana, Ala.
T. P. Holcombe.....	Columbiana, Ala.
J. D. Martin.....	Weldon, Ala.
J. W. Wood.....	Calera, Ala.
C. W. O'Hara.....	Wilsonville, Ala.
W. W. Armstrong.....	Wilsonville, Ala.
J. C. Lyon.....	Wilsonville, Ala.
J. F. Parfer.....	Columbiana, Ala.
N. J. Jarvis.....	Montevallo, Ala.
F. M. Wood.....	Montevallo, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

W. H. Connel.....	Harpersville, Ala.
W. D. Hubbard.....	Helena, Ala.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SHELBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, ALABAMA, 1887.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church Building (not at home)	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Bible and Colpor- tage	Ministerial Edu- cation at Howard College	Minutes.	Associational Pur- poses	S. S. Expenses.	Woman's Society for Foreign Mis- sions.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, th Poor, Etc.	Value of Building and Furniture
Bethesda.....	2 90	3 50	9 95			3 60	2 00				21 35			
Briarfield.....	3 15		2 90	8 30	3 00	5 00	1 50		25 00		23 85	400 00	875 00	1000 00
Columbiana.....			20 00			7 00	2 00	2 00	25 00			150 00	75 00	1200 00
Cahaba Valley...			1 35	4 20			2 00	1 00		2 25				
Calera.....							1 50	50			2 00	150 00		1500 00
Center Hill.....			1 00				1 00	50			2 50			
Dogwood Grove..			3 20				1 80				5 00	33 35	100 00	400 00
Enon.....			2 20				1 00	50			3 70			
Florence.....														
Hopewell.....							1 00	50			1 50	14 00		
Helena.....														
Kingdom.....														
Liberty.....							1 50	1 50			3 00	75 00		
Mt. Calvary.....							2 00				2 00	35 00		200 00
Mt. Carmel.....														
Montevallo.....	16 20		27 95	20 75	5 00	46 05	3 00				118 95		365 86	
Mars Hill.....						5 00	1 50				6 50			
Macedonia.....							1 00	1 00			2 00			
New Antioch....							1 00	50			1 50			
Rocky Ridge.....							1 50				1 50			
Six Mile.....			3 65	4 35		10 00	3 00	2 00	12 00	1 30	24 30	175 00	52 80	1000 00
Summer Hill.....	3 45		3 45				1 80				9 70			
Total.....	\$25 70	\$3 50	\$75 65	\$37 60	\$8 00	\$76 05	\$31 10	\$10 00	\$62 00	\$3 55	\$209 35	\$1032 35	\$1468 66	\$5300 00

STATISTICS OF SHELBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, ALABAMA, 1887.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last reported.	INCREASE			D'ORSE			Present Member-ship.	Officers and Teachers.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		Preaching Sabbath.
						Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death			Pupils.	SUPERINTEN'TS.	
Briarfield.	Bibb	W. J. Elliott.	Jas. McDowell.	Briarfield.	21	8	22				1	50	12	146	D. S. Lightcap.	1234
Cahaba Valley.	"	J. M. McCord.	E. B. McGuire.	Six Mile.	83	4	5		3		3	88	9	70	T. M. Fancher.	2
Calera.	Shelby	G. T. Lee.	T. M. Henderson	Calera.	54		10		6	1	1	61	5	58		3
Center Hill.	"	F. M. Wood.	J. W. Carter	Calera.	16	14	11		10			37	4	21	J. M. Robinson.	4
Dogwood Grove.	"	"	R. E. Woolley.	Montevallo.	109	7	5		2	2	2	117	6	60	W. S. Lovelady.	2
Enon.	"	"	W. B. Lucas.	Montevallo.	39	1	3	1	3		2	42	5	22		2
Montevallo.	"	W. C. Cleveland.	T. J. Williams	Montevallo.	65	1	8		3			71	12	60	E. W. North.	4
Mars Hill	"	H. C. Taul.	W. N. Hubbard.	Brock's Gap	38	8	5		8			38	4	30		3
Macedonia.	"	F. M. Wood.	J. G. Harris.	Montevallo.	42	7	5	2	6			52				1
Helena.	"	H. C. Taul.	H. W. Bowers.	Helena.	45		5		3			47	6	30	R. W. Cobb.	4
New Antioch.	"	I. N. Walker.	S. Booth	Montevallo.	52				9	3		42				4
Six Mile.	Bibb	J. M. McCord.	W. E. Fancher.	Six Mile.	136	8	3		8		1	138	9	85	R. H. Pratt.	1
2nd. DISTRICT.																
Bethesda.	Shelby	C. W. O'Hara.	R. A. O'Hara.	Wilsonville.	92	6	7	5	2		1	107	9	80	A. L. Cross.	1
Columbiana.	"	G. T. Lee.	J. L. Peters.	Columbiana.	62	2	5		1		1	60	6	35	W. D. Lovett.	2
Florence.	"				9											
Hopewell.	"	J. C. Lyon.	W. N. Keith.	Sh'lby Ir'n W'ks.	32		5	1	5		1	40	5	40	S. J. May.	2
Kingdom.	"				19											
Liberty	"	J. D. Martin.	L. R. Kendrick.	Weldon.	103	1		3	4	1		102	3	40	J. F. Crane.	1
Mt. Calvary.	"	M. E. B. Jones.	N. Thomas.	Columbiana.	52		1				1	50	6	40	R. H. Davis.	2
Mt. Carmel.	"															
Rocky Ridge.	"	J. C. Lyon.	P. Murphy.	Columbiana.	31	5			4		3	28				4
Summer Hill.	"	C. W. O'Hara.	L. Q. Gould.	Columbiana.	72	8	5		12	5		70	6	51	W. F. Bridges.	4

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